



## ORIGIN OF MORMONISM.

The Springfield *Republican* revives an old story relative to the origin of Mormonism. It says the "revelations" which Joe Smith originally edited and published, as the "Mormon Bible," were written by Mr. Solomon Spaulding, of Ohio, about half a century ago. He was then a retired from the ministry, and operated a small iron foundry at Palmyra, in that State. Having considerable leisure, and being of a literary turn of mind, he wrote a sort of romance, in Bible phraseology, entitled "Manuscript Found." This work Mr. Spaulding frequently read to his illiterate neighbors, among whom were Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon, the original founders of Mormonism. Smith, it is alleged, borrowed Spaulding's manuscript work, had it copied, and soon after claimed that an angel had revealed to him the existence of a buried history of aboriginal America, the plates of which were subsequently dug up, and the book of Mormon made as a translation of their inscriptions.

To confirm this story, the *Republican* says the widow of Rev. S. Spaulding removed to Monrovia, Mass., and after Joe Smith's Bible came out, compared it with her husband's romance, and found the two almost essentially the same. A singular part of this story remains to be told: Some twenty-five years ago when the excitement about Mormonism was at its height, a man visited the widow of Spaulding, at Monrovia, claiming to belong to Boston, representing that he was associated with some Christian people of that city who desired to expose Mormonism. The unpublished romance was loaned, after much hesitancy by the widow, and the man and manuscript were never heard of again. It is supposed that this man was an agent of Brigham Young, who employed him to obtain possession of this original manuscript of Joe Smith's Mormon Bible.

If the above statements are true, there is almost as much romance about this history of the Mormon Bible as there is in the rise and progress of Mormonism in Utah. There can be no question of the book of Mormon being a first class fiction; no sane man outside of that shallow but diabolical faith can believe otherwise; and yet how strange that a so-called religion could be established on a crude and absurd romance. And more astonishing still that in this land of universal education, in this era of investigation and intelligence, that Joe Smith and Brigham Young could find confederates and followers—especially among the female portion of society. To-day, according to recent statistics, there are 150,000 faithful believers in Mormonism in a single territory of the United States. To-day the largest and most costly temple of worship in this country is at Salt Lake City, and that is the shrine of public and cultivated polygamy. To-day Mormonism has its preachers in many of the leading cities of Europe, proclaiming a new faith and worship across the broad Atlantic, beyond the great American desert, where the second great prophet, just dead, is mourned by eighteen saintly wives and one hundred and fifty thousand devout followers. And the faith of all these firm, inflexible worshippers is founded on the Book of Mormon—a romance written to beguile the weary hours of a poor person out of God's service. Here is romance surpassing the legend of the Wand'ring Jew.

Mark McDonald is said to be a prominent Democratic candidate for U. S. Senator from California. But from what we publish below we judge that Frank McCoppie, one of the Democratic leaders, will not support him; for a complaint in the Third District Court by Frank McCoppie against Mark McDonald sets forth that on the 5th of last March he placed in McDonald's hands \$5,000, who purchased for him 910 shares of Eschequer, 200 shares of Eureka Consolidated and 530 shares of California stock, and advanced thereon \$9,000; that on the 12th instant McDonald sold the stock and converted the proceeds to his own use, wherefore McCoppie prays for \$10,000 damages, claiming to be out and injured by the transaction and amount of money.

## EQUALIZE IT.

The Board of Commissioners in the several counties are about to sit for the purpose of equalizing taxes. It is of moment to direct the attention of these bodies in the counties through which the Central Pacific Railroad runs to the fact that that great corporation is allowed to set its own figures, valuing its property as they choose. Washoe is the only county an exception to this rule. We may be in error about it, for if our memory serves us correctly, Lyon county also refuses to accept \$6,000 per mile as a fair valuation for the road bed. Washoe insists upon \$9,000 and Lyon nearly the same. But Churchill, Humboldt, Lander, Eschek, and Elko, have always been content to take the company's say so of \$6,000 per mile. Not that they believe that sum is in proportion to what other property is equalized at, or that the C. P. R. R. is entitled to more favorable consideration than individuals. The reason has been the fear of a lawsuit with the corporation, and the dislike of incurring its hostility, thereby taking the chances of being compelled to pay additional freight charges; and make the subject for greater oppression in a great many other respects. We wonder how much longer these counties propose to be dictated to by the railroad company. Are the people so utterly lost to all sense of honor that they must do this and that at the beck and nod of any corporation? Do they not know that every year only places them further in the toils? Have they concluded to permit this railroad unseemly to wind itself around their throats till they are strangled? We hope not. And now is a better time than ever to shake it off. They have a precedent to go by, and they are doing a great injustice to themselves when they accept the paltry sum of \$6,000 per mile for taxable purposes. A determined stand upon this question of taxation is all that is needed to secure the victory. Justice is mighty and will prevail. This question fairly settled and the people will be ready to secure a Legislature next year that will do a great necessity—reduce fares and freights, and put a stop to the outrageous system of discrimination practiced against Nevada.

## THE BIG BONANZA.

[Enterprise, 15th.]

The market may be a fruitful theme of discourse for those who think they can divine coming movements, but to most it is a clear case of "Open your eyes tight now you see now you don't see" what the magnets of the market are up to. But one thing is sure, the most of the stocks are well held, as is evidenced by the avidity with which all shares offered a little under rates are picked up. There has been considerable speculation as to the effects of the talk of compromise between the mines and the Sutor tunnel, but they are all premature. It will be time enough to agitate the matter and predict what is to follow when a compromise is effected and its terms made known to the public.

The mines are still growing in promise. A close perusal of the reports of the bonanza mines will disclose some points of interest. In fact, there have been several strikes there of late, and recent developments go to show that very little is to day known as to the real extent of the big bonanza. The developments on the 1200-foot level show it to be reaching up and away where no one suspected of its existence. The drift west, 1650 foot level, to connect with the main shaft when it reaches the required depth, has made a wonderful development. Every one who saw where the tracings of the ore body led to porphyry was ready to swear that the west wall had been reached, when, lo! the drift above mentioned, after having begun run but three feet in porphyry, again penetrated ore and has again flourished there ever since, looking for the true west wall. Below this level limits to the ore encountered are wholly unknown, except to the east, where the clay wall was cut by the west drift on the 1750 foot level and from the C. and C. shaft. Should the vast ore body follow the make of most others uncovered in the Comstock it will yet be found to extend far down and to the south, which is more than likely.

But these developments, while they make known how little is known by the best of us as to the real extent of the big bonanza, demonstrate, with others mentioned, that the beginning of the end of dividends in both the Consolidated Virginia and California has not yet been reached. The discoveries above mentioned have been supplemented by others on the 1600 and 1650 foot levels of the California, which have surprised every one who has seen them. The body is expanding all over and contracting nowhere. And then the old stopes on the 1500 foot level, which were closed at the time of the big fire two years ago, have again begun to open up, and an immense body of ore of high grade found in prospect No. 2.

## TELEGRAPHIC MELANGE.

## MOST IMPORTANT ITEMS IN YESTERDAY'S DISPATCHES.

Many Dispatches by Tweek—The Leading Men of New York Implicated.

New York, September 15.—Wm. M. Tweed was before the Aldermanic Committee this morning. Regarding the charter of '70, almost everybody connected with the Tammany ring had something to do with it. When asked if members of the Assembly were bribed to vote for it, the witness answered that they were paid for it. He could not tell that members of the Assembly were paid, but he knew the Senators were. He gave Barbour \$600,000 for that purpose, and he himself personally paid Senator Hall. Connolly and himself had an understanding when they were made a board of audit that parties doing business with the city were to give them 15 per cent. His supposition was that bills were to be bona fide. Watson and Woodward were suggested by witness as the parties to prepare bills, and then they were to be paid by Connolly which was agreed to. Sweeney and Hall got their percentage. Connolly was not satisfied with 10 per cent and wanted 20, and he got it. Hall complained of slowness in settling up, and witness made them hurry up, and after this Hall signed the bills. They all got 10 per cent at first and then 20 per cent. They agreed on Sweeney, Connolly and Hall to divide up 10 per cent, each and 2½ per cent. was reserved for election purposes. The prominent men to present bogus bills were Keyser and Ingersoll. There was a split in the Democratic party about that time, which Hastings and other Republicans were anxious to keep up. Witness sent sent around for Hastings, and he came and suggested seeing the Senators. Witness saw Senators Winslow, Bradin, James Wood, Bowen and Maurice. The gentleman introduced him to Winslow, who wanted \$50,000. Connolly, Smith and witness and various tradesmen furnished the money for bribing the Legislature of 1870. Among the tradesmen were Garvey, Ingersoll, Keyser, E. A. Woodward, James Watson, Edward Boyle, Elwan Marria and most everybody who had dealing with the United States. Henry Smith, Police Commissioner, contributed; also the Erie railroad, through Jay Gould. When he said Gould he meant Fisk, and vice versa, for they spoke and acted as one man. The money for the Assembly went through Ed. Barbours.

An Expensive Luxury.  
SALT LAKE, September 15.—Judge Schaefer has fined Priest Elias Smith, Judge of the Probate Court, in Salt Lake, \$500 for contempt of court, in refusing the Grand Jury access to the records and papers of his court. He is also sentenced to pay \$50 additional for every day in which he refuses to deliver over these records, and in addition to this is to be arrested and held in custody by the Marshall if he does not immediately comply with the order of the court. High Priest Judge Smith caves. The Committee are admitted to examine the files and records in the probate office. The Committee have already found a rich mine of divorce corruption. A list of cases atorneys, and residence of parties in all the spurious divorce cases is being made by the committee. The Federal officers and Gentiles are jubilant. The Saints feel the loss of Brigham in this their first skirmish since the loss of their head.

What Might Have Been.  
New York, September 15.—The *Times* says General Jo. Johnson is credited with the statement that both sides were greatly demoralized after the first Bull Run battle, and that he now believes it would have been better for the South if the North had won that battle, for in that event the war would have probably ended there.

The Czar in Danger.  
St. Petersburg, September 15.—The Russian police have discovered a Nihilistic conspiracy to assassinate the Czar on the battle field.

The Post is authority for the statement that the Nevada Bank has fixed upon \$30 a share for the Bonanza stock, and 50 per cent of current market value on other leading Comstocks, as the loaning rate on those stocks.

A MEETING of the creditors of Frank Leslie was held in New York Thursday. It is believed the estate will be made to pay the creditors in full, and that Leslie will ultimately enter upon its possession and management.

A SMALL ASSORTMENT of LIGHTNING plug chewing tobaccos just arrived at Chas. Knust's.

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## THE ALTAR.

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Notice is hereby given, that at a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on the 28th day of August, 1877, an assessment (No. 3) of ten cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in U. S. gold coin, to the Secretary at his office at D. L. Lachman's store.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid 8 p. m. 1877, shall be declared delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before will be sold on Monday, October 22nd, 1877, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of the sale.

By order of the Board of Trustees

A. F. BORDEN, Secretary

Reno, August 28, 1877.

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**W. C. HASLUND, Administrator.**  
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